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SUBJECT:GUINEAN INTEREST IN BOEING AIRCRAFT

REF: A) CONAKRY 1229, B) STATE 165162, C) CONAKRY 1266

1. BOEING REPRESENTATIVE STOFFEL MET WITH AMBASSADOR HARROP ON AUGUST 9 TO DISCUSS GUINEAN INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT PER REFTELS. HARROP INDICATED THAT US GUINEAN RELATIONS IN STATE OF FLUX BUT IMPROVING OVERALL SINCE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO WASHINGTON IN JUNE. GUINEA TRYING TO DECREASE DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS FOR AID AND PURCHASING. GUINEANS HAVE BEEN USING SOVIET AIRCRAFT FOR DOMESTIC AND VERY LIMITED INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC. SPARE PARTS ARE LACKING, CRAFT MUST BE RETURNED TO USSR FOR REPAIR AND SOVIETS

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DEMAND PAYMENT IN HARD CURRENCY. GUINEAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION IMPROVING BUT GUINEA WILL PROBABLY PRESS VERY HARD FOR PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT ON BEST POSSIBLE CREDIT TERMS.

2. STOFFEL INDICATED THAT BOEING VICE PRESIDENT FOR AFRICA, FITZGERALD, PRESENTLY MOVING OFFICE FROM ROME TO PARIS, WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT EMBASSY DIRECTLY ABOUT VISIT.

HARROP INDICATED THAT GUINEAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND THAT FITZGERALD SHOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH U.S. EMBASSY IN CONAKRY DURING VISIT.

STOFFEL STATED THAT 707 DID NOT APPEAR TO BE GOOD AIRCRAFT FOR GUINEA'S NEEDS BUT 727 MIGHT BE GOOD INTERIM PURCHASE. BOEING COULD TRAIN PERSONNEL IN MAINTENANCE BUT EXPECTS THAT GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORK WOULD BE CONTRACTED OUT TO OTHER AIRLINES IN AFRICA SUCH AS SABENA.

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